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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT
UNSOLICITED GIFTS HAVE LED TO THE ES-
TABLISHMENT OF A HARRY W. ROCKWELL
MEMORIAL FUND TO WHICH FRIENDS MAY
CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE THROUGH THE
STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
AT BUFFALO.

MEMORIAL CONVOCATION
HARRY WESTCOTT ROCKWELL
1881 — 1961

College Auditorium
Sunday, February the Nineteenth
Nineteen Hundred Sixty-One
Four O'Clock

DR. HARRY W. ROCKWELL

It is nearly ten years—two and a half "college generations"—since Dr. Harry W. Rockwell retired as president of Buffalo's State University College of Education. But it will be ten years several times over before the great part he played in building "Buffalo State" will have faded from the memories of the thousands who got their teacher training there during his fruitful 32-year tenure.

The measure of this dedicated educational administrator's impact on the community is vividly reflected in the sheer physical comparison between the old Normal School which he came to head as principal in 1919, and the big and bustling college he shepherded into the State University system as its largest component unit just before he closed out his career and retired in 1951.

While his tenure carried Buffalo State through a fabulous period of physical growth, it was also a period of steady upgrading, too—a period in which it developed in every sense of the word from a teacher-training school into a true college with all the upgrading of the professional status of teachers that this implied.

Through Dr. Rockwell's efforts, his school won state approval as a teachers college; became the first state-operated college to offer a B.S. degree in elementary education; won an "A" rating from the American Association of Teachers Colleges; and finally won the right to grant the master's degree for its graduate programs. In all this period of rapid growth and upgrading, Dr. Rockwell worked closely and effectively with the late Edward H. Butler, former editor and publisher of *The News*, who served throughout the same period as president of the old local board of the college. In the history of Buffalo State, Dr. Rockwell and his era of fabulous growth have won a secure niche.

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President Paul G. Bulger, Presiding

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WILLIAM J. CHAMPION
Assistant Professor of Music

INVOCATION

ALBERT G. BUTZER
Minister, Westminster Presbyterian Church

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